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PLOTTED HIS MURDER

Federation Arranged to Kill Steunenberg.

DETAILS ARE PLANNED

Moyer Heywood and Pettibone Made Plans Last Summer in Denver.

DETECTIVES HAVE PROOF

Orchard in His Confession Tells All the Details Leading up to Plot to Kill ex-Governor—All Implicated Except One Are Arrested.

DENVER, Feb. 22.—Additional details of the case against the Western Federation officials were published in the Post today. Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone planned the assassination of Steunenberg in Denver last summer, according to the detectives. The actual details of the assassination, they say, were worked up by Harry Orchard and L. J. Simpkins, the latter, a member of the executive board of the Federation, is living in Wardner. In the confession of Orchard, he is said to have admitted he spent three weeks of October last with Simpkins, hunting on the latter timber claim in Northern Idaho. Orchard also confessed, they declared, that during December he visited Vincent St. John at Burke. Orchard declares St. John and Simpkins spent a week together shortly before the Steunenberg assassination and plans for the murder were perfected by them. In his confession, Orchard is said to have admitted he actually placed the bomb, but he was assisted by Steve Adams, alias Dickson. All are now under arrest except Simpkins, and his apprehension is hourly expected by a detective at Haines, Oregon. Governor Gooding has offered a reward of \$1000 for Simpkins' arrest. The detectives claim to be able to prove that during the fall and immediately preceding the meeting of the executive board, which occurred in this city the middle of December, several members of the board visited the Cour d'Alene district, in Idaho. Their real purpose in the visit, the detectives claim, was to perfect plans for Steunenberg's assassination. The detectives, while not able to find if Moyer was in the northern part of Idaho at that time, declare they have conclusive proof that Moyer met Simpkins in Southern Idaho and traveled with him to the meeting in Denver. Evidence is at hand, it is said, to show Orchard was in Denver at the meeting of the executive board. After the meeting, according to the detectives, Orchard and Simpkins went to Salt Lake and thence to Caldwell arriving about a week before the assassination.

Would Release Officials.

BOISE, Feb. 22.—Governor Gooding and State's Attorney Hawley deny the

story printed in the afternoon papers, that a letter from the officials of the Western Federation counseling the assassination of Steunenberg is in the hands of the authorities. It seems likely however, and is thus considered that an important letter been found. There were no developments in the case today, but there are indications that the attorneys for the defense are preparing to go to the federal court with a view to securing the release of Moyer and Heywood.

C. W. Moore, of Baker City, Oregon, arrived today to defend Steve Adams. **Hunting for Simpkins.**

BAKER CITY, Feb. 22.—Jack Simpkins, wanted in Boise, in connection with the Steunenberg murder was not arrested at midnight tonight. Simpkins passed through the Bourne mining camp Saturday and is believed to have gone to the Rock Creek district. There is a suggestion that he has gone to Spokane en route for British Columbia.

SALEM YOUTH DROWNED.

SALEM, Feb. 22.—Howard Catlin, a prominent young man of this city, was drowned, and his companion, Midshipman Fred Perkins, of Annapolis, had a narrow escape, while canoeing on the Willamette river today. The young men were unable to control the craft in the swift current of the river, which was swollen by recent rains.

RANGE ALLOTMENT

Department to Be Invoked for Far Broader Policy.

STATUS OF INDIAN CLAIMS

Arizona Fighting Against the Double Yoke of Statehood With New Mexico and Will Win Out—Senate Will Support Her.

ASTORIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 22.—Chief of the Forestry Bureau Gifford Pinchot, who has been away from Washington for a short time, promised Senator Fulton this week to take up personally, the matter of allotting the Wenaha reserve for range purposes, as petitioned by the Umatilla County Wool Growers' association. Incidental to this discussion, the general proposition of range apportionment on the reserves will be discussed.

The Senator is urging that local stock interests affected by reserve apportionment be given greater voice in the matter, and that when there is an issue of fact regarding any proposition, the department provide the means for hearing the case, and if the ruling of the supervisor is found erroneous or unjust to contiguous interests the chief of the bureau revise the primary allotment.

In this connection, it is the hope of the Oregon senator to develop a clearer method of procedure in range allotments, which, in the nature of things, is likely to be nebulous at such as the present early stage of the work. Developments of the Wenaha reserve seem to indicate that the department does not give the heed to local interest that is demanded by the States in which forest reserves are situated, and the first contest in the northwest section may

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INSURANCE COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

EMBRACES REVIEW OF ALL TESTIMONY TAKEN

The Finding of Senator Armstrong's Joint Board Is Presented in Both Houses—Remedial Measures to Correct Abuses Suggested.

EIGHT BILLS DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE SAYS THAT SALARIES PAID TO SENATOR DEPEW AND FORMER SENATOR HILL WERE EXCESSIVE, THEIR SERVICES NOT BEING SUFFICIENT REASON FOR SUCH PAYMENTS—SOLVENCY IS NOT QUESTIONED.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The report of the Armstrong special insurance investigating committee was presented in both Houses of the Legislature today. It was accompanied by eight bills designed to carry into effect in detail the recommendations of the committee. Senator Armstrong made a statement in which he said that counsel for the committee, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McKeen and himself had worked upon the bills until 4 o'clock this morning and had not then finished their labors. He asked leave for the committee to submit a supplementary report which will make the proposed forms of the standard insurance life policies to be prescribed by law. He promised this report next week.

There will be a public hearing upon the bills before the investigating committee itself on Friday, March 9, in the Assembly Chamber.

In a statement made to newspaper men before the presentation of the report, Senator Armstrong said he hoped to have passed before April 15 the bill which will defer the annual elections in the mutual companies from April 15 to November. This, it is believed, probably would nullify all proxies obtained up to this time by Thomas W. Lawson and the policy-holders' committee of State Governors and others, as well as those which the management of the companies themselves have been gathering through their agents.

Voluminous Report.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The committee appointed at the last session of the legislature to investigate life insurance made its report today. The report is extremely voluminous and embraces a review of the testimony taken and recommendations for remedial legislation. In referring to the state insurance department, the committee declares the superintendent has ample powers, but

the committee holds that most of the evils disclosed would have been impossible had there been a vigorous performance of the duties laid on the department; includes the safeguarding of the right of the policy holders in the Mutual companies in the election of directors, and recommends that authority be given stock companies to retire stock and become mutual, though it does not recommend compulsory mutualization.

To Limit New Business.

The report recommends limiting new business to \$150,000,000 per year, and prohibiting campaign contributions, and making the penalty for receiving a rebate equal to that for giving one, and urges economy in the management, though the committee does not advocate placing a limit on the expenditures of insurance companies.

The committee says the acts of the Mutual Life should be investigated in order to find the extent to which moneys have been mis-applied and that the responsibility therefor may be determined.

Concerning the New York Life, the committee found extraordinary abuses in the transactions with Andrew Hamilton and Hamilton's statement from Paris is without suitable specifications. **Dissensions Exposed.**

The committee tells of the dissensions in the Equitable Life, which led to a legislative inquiry of its syndicate transactions and of Odell's suit against the Mercantile Trust Company.

The salaries paid Senator Depew and former Senator Hill, the committee says were unwarranted, their services not appearing a sufficient reason for such payments. In justice to Hill the committee says it was unable to get his testimony on account of Hill's illness. The committee says the solvency of the Mutual, Equitable, and New York Life is not questioned.

SITUATION DESPERATE.

Tone of French Press on Morocco is Very Pessimistic.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The government does not give any further indications of its intentions in regard to the Morocco question. The tone of the French press is that the situation is desperate, and the only thing remaining being for France to state her case and depart. There is, however, no evidence that President Fallieres and Premier Rouvier entirely share the view that the conference is doomed to failure. The semi-official Temps, however, prints a leading article today showing that "Accord is impossible."

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from Fort De France, Martinique, dated Wednesday, says:

Another earthquake occurred here today at 13 minutes after noon. Fortunately no great damage was done. Several slight earthquake shocks fol-

lowed those of February 16 and 17, but without causing any new damage.

People here were very much alarmed and fled to the hills, but have now resumed their ordinary occupation, following the calm of February 19 and 20.

Mont Pelee remains quiet. No manifestation of any activity, was registered at the observatory during the periods of seismic disturbances.

DELANEY KNOCKED OUT.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 22.—Rube Ferns tonight knocked out Billy Delaney of Saginaw, in the fourth round, of what was to have been a fifteen-round contest.

Defends Title.

CHELSEA, Feb. 22.—Although lacking the effective punch, Abe Attel tonight successfully defended the title to the American featherweight championship by winning a decision over Jimmy Walsh, of Newton, in a fifteen-round contest. Both men finished strong but Walsh was badly cut up.

GOES ON A TARE.

Big Mogul Runs Amuck Leaving Destruction in Its Wake.

SPOKANE, Feb. 22.—One of the monster freight engines on the Great Northern went on a wild dash from Hilyard and crashed into the O. R. & N. passenger train from Pendleton tonight at the Transfer Junction in Spokane. J. F. Hathaway, an express messenger, Zachary Taylor, the transfer agent and Miss Daisy Robinson, were seriously hurt. The engine hit the baggage car almost in the center and tore it from the mail car carrying a portion of the car with it. With the car on its pilot the wind engine brushed the transfer station over, tore up the platform and brought up standing 100 yards away.

BIG POWER PROJECT.

Capitalists Will Transmit Electricity from Colorado River to Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—According to the Times plans are being matured to transmit electricity from the Colorado river to Los Angeles and intervening points, by local and Philadelphia capitalists. It is claimed it is possible to develop 500,000 horsepower. Plans are now being prepared for a dam which will give a minimum of 110,000 horsepower.

READY FOR DEATH

Hoch Will Be Hanged in Chicago Today.

HAS GIVEN UP HOPE OF LIFE

Chicago Bluebeard Says Has Absolutely No Hope of Escaping the Gallows—Murderer Removed to the Death Chamber in the Jail.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—For the fourth time since the conviction of Johan Hoch, preparations were begun today for his execution. Hoch appeared in good spirits, but announced that he has lost hope and expected to die.

"I feel fine," he said, "but I guess that I will have to die tomorrow. This is the fourth time I have been near death, and I guess this is the last time. I have no hope, but still I feel pretty good."

Hoch was told that there existed in many quarters an opinion that he intended to cheat the gallows by committing suicide. He laughed heartily at the suggestion.

"Me? Take my own life?" he asked. "Why, do you know what that would mean. It would be an absolute confession of my guilt. I am a soldier, and why should I not be brave and drop from the scaffold if I am innocent?"

Late in the day Hoch was removed from his cell to the death chamber in the jail and a death watch set over him.

WRECK CLEARED AWAY.

REDDING, Cal., Feb. 22.—The track at the scene of Wednesday night's wreck was cleared temporarily this afternoon and trains passed. The body of J. T. Keiser, a printer, was brought to Redding and that of Engineer Friel to Dunsmuir. It is almost certain another body is in the debris.

LIGHT HOUSES FOR COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

VICTORIA, Feb. 22.—Immediate construction will be commenced of a lightship to be established by Canada between Carmanah and Cape Beale about seven miles from the coast, and a number of lighthouses of the first-class will

RATE BILL IN THE SENATE

Knox's Measure is Introduced Yesterday.

MUCH INTEREST TAKEN

Bill Read on Day of Introduction—An Unusual Privilege.

HAZING BILL IS PASSED

Probable Action of Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce on Court of Review Feature of Rate Bill—Democrats Will Control.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Knox's much discussed and long expected railroad bill was introduced in the Senate today and because of the exceptional interest of the subject it was accorded the unusual privilege of a reading for the information of the Senators on the day of its introduction. Foraker gave notice of a speech Wednesday on the rate question. The remainder of the day was devoted to a reading of Washington's farewell message and a consideration of the hazing bill, which was passed just before adjournment. The bill gives the secretary of the navy authority to dismiss any midshipman whose presence he thinks is not for the best interests of the service, but gives the accused the right to a trial by courtmartial.

Unlimited speculation is provoked tonight over the action tomorrow of the Senate committee on Inter-State Commerce on the Court of Review feature of the railroad rate bill. Democratic members hold the key to the situation, but at a conference tonight they were unable to agree. Conservative Republicans declare they will amend the bill and Clapp and Dooliver continue their stand against the amendments.

The introduction of the Knox bill clarified the situation for a time, and the conservatives it is said are ready to accept it. They counted on certain Democratic votes to give them a majority, but the hesitancy of these Democrats to commit themselves has upset their plans. The conservatives, it is said, did not care what amendment was selected, but urged Democrats to bring in some plan. In any event the Democrats will go into the committee tomorrow in absolute control of the situation.

IN DARKEST FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Many streets in the down town section are in almost utter darkness tonight as a result of a fire at the Jessie street station in San Francisco of the Gas and Electric Company. In all the big hotels, elevators, etc., are stopped and a more primitive means of illumination is used. The loss to the electric company is about \$400,000.

HOUSE DISCUSSES ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House today refused to adjourn in celebration of Washington's birthday and it's members participated in a general field day of debate on the army appropriation bill. Prince, of Illinois, attacked the system of promoting and retiring army

officers for which he said the President and the Senate were responsible, and which resulted in the retired list costing \$2,700,000 annually, of officers who, he said, were holding a flag in one hand while the other was in the treasury. The debate on the bill ended today and the measure will be voted on tomorrow.